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what's happening at the bridge

Our *mission* at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to  
help people

Connect with God's people in your life

Connect with God's purpose in your life

Connect with God's passion for your life

## Ways to Connect with God's *mission* at the bridge

**Fri. Jan. 24** - 10:00 am - Book Club Small Group

**Sun. Feb. 2** - Scout Sunday

**Sun. Feb. 2** - Equal Exchange Available - also Valentine Sales

**Mon. Feb. 3** - 2:00 pm - Leland House Worship

**Sun. Feb. 9** - **10:00 - One Service -**

Congregational Meeting immediately afterwards

**Sun. Feb. 9** - Matthew's Ministry Packing after meeting

**Mon. Feb. 10** - 2:00 pm - Leland House Craft Day

**Wed. Feb. 12** - 11:30 pm - Power of Prayer Service

**Fri. Feb. 14** - 10:00 - 2:30 - **Blood Drive**

**Sun. Feb. 16** - 11:45 am - Connection Class

## Weekly Ministry Team Meetings

**Wed. Jan. 29** - 4:00 pm - Generosity Team

**Thu. Jan. 30** - 1:00 pm - Worship Team

## Weekly Small Groups

**Mon.** - 6:00 pm - Boy Scouts and SOS (Siblings of Scouts)

**Tue.** - 10:00 am - Sleep Mats for Homeless

**Tue.** - 7:00 pm - Bridge to Serenity (Al-Anon Group) Meeting

**Tue.** - 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting

**Wed.** - 8:00 am - Men's Prayer and Share Small Group

**Sat.** - 7:00 pm - New Attitudes (A.A. Group) Meeting

**Sun.** - 7:30 pm - A.A. Group Meeting

### The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at ***the bridge***? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -  
Give generously - Cherish children -  
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

## Worship Weekly

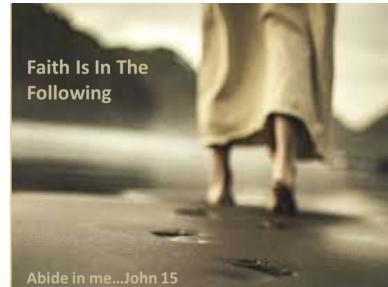
Date: January 26, 2020

Title: Faith is Found in the Following

Text: John 15: 1 – 8; I John 4: 7 - 21

Questions:

- Someone once said: "*Christian faith is easy to understand but hard to do.*" Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
- Is it more important for Christ-followers to understand Jesus' teachers or to imitate Jesus' teachings?
- What do you think Jesus means when he says: "*Abide in me as I abide in you?*"



### bridge "Notes" from Patty

We, at The bridge love our upbeat, "toe tapping" songs. I may hear some "boo's" from the band about choosing this Sunday's hymn as our prayerful meditation but I've always loved it. The author, Henry Francis Lyte sat by the bedside of a sick friend and heard him repeat the words: "abide with me" over and over. He wrote the song for his friend. It's based on Luke 24:29 in which the disciples asked Jesus to abide with them "for it is toward evening and the day is spent". The most interesting "fun fact" is that this anthem has been sung at the FA Cup's finals for the last 87 years. Why is it sung at a sporting event? In 1927 King George V attended the the championship and it was sung then because it was his favorite hymn. Buy why do they keep singing it? Football (soccer) is about competition and intense rivalry! They say "the atmosphere and mood of a 100,000 people singing this song and welling up with the same feeling...it's very powerful." Abide means to "stay" to be my friend unto the end. Hear the ebb and flow of the tide in this song that strikes the heart. If you don't like it so much, no worries. We're only singing 3 of the verses and we'll "toe tap" again soon. See ya Sunday!

Patty

[https://youtu.be/84YASWe3\\_2Q](https://youtu.be/84YASWe3_2Q)



## Pray Daily

- Del Shaffar - knee replacement - back in hospital with complications
- Cathy Boettcher in the death of her brother, Duane

***Philippians 4:6-7 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

On Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, the sermon focused on the power of prayer. Several months prior to that, our Pastor challenged us to come up with ways we might gather and scatter our mission that would directly impact on the violence, the hate, and the anger that is permeating the world.

We only know of one way to soften people's hearts and/or change the world and that is through prayer. The power of prayer is a tremendous tool! Can you imagine how impactful thousands of voices, beseeching the Lord by praying the same prayer at the same time on the same day will be? Prayer recognizes that the future is in God's hands and seeks to bring the present into line with God's purposes and promise.

In October of last year, a small group of people formed a Team to work on and develop a program around the Power of Prayer and we are ready to present that program to you. The involvement of all of us is crucial to this project because we are not only asking for your involvement but we are requesting that you ask your friends and family to involve themselves and their church in this endeavor.

We are so excited about this ministry and hope that you will become excited too. In the meantime, please contact any member of the Power of Prayer Team should you have questions.

More next week!

The Power of Prayer Team

Judy Bath

Marie Cantin

Arleen Godshall

Arlene Holmes

Cathy Purves

Marilyn Vernon

# Welcome and Include Everyone

## **Servers for Sunday, January 26th**



### **Ushers**

**9:00 am –** Sandy and Peter Barrett, John Lapatchka and Sarah Noll

**10:30 am -** Bettye Weihs, Charlynne Caillaud, Ruth and Richard Hepner



### **Greeters**

**9:00 am -** Sandy and Peter Barrett

**10:30 am -** Bunny Macon, Joe Amato and Melanie Meade



### **Connecting Partners**

**9:00 am -** Twila Nahama

**10:30 am -** Suzanne Veen and Dixie Bennett

## **Give Generously**

### **Last Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020**

Attendance      99 (4-week average)

Offering      \$ 4,041 (4-week average)

Offering      \$ 5,754 (8-week average)

Actual Attendance      129

Actual Offering      \$ 5,356

# **Serve Our Community**

The Mission Team is moving toward featuring one Sustainable Mission Partner each month. Instead of donations, we are trying to plan more hands on projects when possible. Participation in our projects is always if The Spirit moves you.

## **2020 Mission Calendar**

January- Hope Harbor Home

February- American Red Cross (Blood Drive), Boy Scouts (Pinewood Derby Concession Stand)

March- New Hope Clinic (office donations and/or yard cleanup)

April- UPRECO (donations)

May- Kids World Academy (book drive), UPRECO (donations)

June- Brunswick County Street Reach (Angel Tree Camp donations and sponsorships), Homeless needs

July- Brunswick Family Assistance (Christmas In July)

August- The bridge Vacation Bible School

September- Matthew's Ministry

October- Hope Harbor Home (Safe House donations, Thrift Store donations, and/or meals for Empowerment Support Program)

November- Leland House (Christmas Angel Tree)

December- Kids World Academy (Christmas Stockings), Brunswick Family Assistance (Toys for Tots)

### **Ongoing ministries that need volunteers-**

- Food Packing for Matthew's Ministry
- Worship Service and Craft Day at Leland House
- Streetreach Mats for Homeless
- Brunswick Family Assistance Office and Food Pantry
- Kids World Academy and Brunswick County Schools Tutoring

**\*\*\* Printed copy available on table by nametags**



### Leland House Worship and Fellowship

Our February visit with the residents of Leland House will be held on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 PM. All are invited to join us for both worship and fellowship. Leland House is a personal care and memory care facility here in our community. The residents look forward to our visits and through the last few years we have formed genuine relationships of caring and support with many of them. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please sign up on the sheet outside the Worship Center. If you have any questions about Leland House, please speak with Cathy Purves or Patti Pirher.



### BFA Packing and Distribution Days

UPCOMING DATES :

**Wed. Feb. 12 - Packing Day - 10 am - 4pm**

**Thur. Feb 13 - Distribution - 2:00 am until Food runs out of 8:00 am**

Sign up to pack or distribute on the BFA Volunteer Hub.

Be sure to wear your ***bridge*** T-shirt! If you need one - see Wanda in the office



### Disaster Recovery Update

### Classes

4 hour "Heartsaver" first aid, CPR, and AED training sessions will be held on Tuesdays January 21st and March 24th at 5:30 pm and Saturdays February 15th and March 25th at 10:00 am in the USO Community Center building on the Corner of 2nd and Orange Streets in Wilmington. A valid photo ID is required. The cost is \$63.95 plus an additional \$19.95 for the training manual. Anyone interested should contact Mike Weldon (518-269-7107) about registration details.

## Belong to a Small Group

The sign-up sheets for the interest based small groups will be on the tables on Sunday. The groups will start this month if they haven't already. If you missed signing up or if you changed your mind and wish to scratch your name off, please do so this week so the facilitators will have an up-to-date roster. The Sermon Based Small Group (SBSG) sign-ups will be out in February as the next series begins March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Cherish Children

**bridge Builders, our Sunday morning children's program, is located in suite 206 during the 10:30 service. A nursery for infants and toddlers is also provided during the 10:30 service**



### Sunday Jan. 26th:

Teacher: Lydia Stevens

Toddlers/Babies: Matt Stevens and Elizabeth Murray

## Misc. Announcements

### Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - January



Jim Graham	22
Zoe Stevens	24
Virgil Batten	25
Kathy Dixon	27
Finley Becker	30
Phil Godshall	30



## Sweets for Your Sweet: Equal Exchange Valentine's Specials

Valentine's Day is fast approaching! This year give your Valentine a sweet treat that both helps support some 1.5 million small-scale farmers in 30 countries and says to those you love and care about: "You are very special to me."

On Sundays February 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be selling two Valentine-themed Equal Exchange chocolate gifts for \$5.00 each:

**Valentine Boxes** (16 dark or milk chocolate minis);

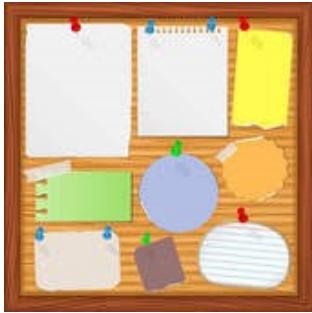
**Decorative Tie Bags** (20 dark or milk chocolate minis);

and

**Chocolate Bars** (your choice of flavors at two for \$5.50, a savings of \$.50, or single bars at \$3.00 each).

As a reminder, your Equal Exchange purchases support both the Presbyterian Small Farmers Fund (15 cents for each pound sold) and *help defray the costs of our Sunday coffee service*.

No pre-orders are necessary, but should you want to order ahead, we'll have your order ready on either February 2 or February 9. Checks or cash appreciated. Contacts: Sandy Sears at [sloct@yahoo.com](mailto:sloct@yahoo.com) and Jane Jones at [auntiej1963@gmail.com](mailto:auntiej1963@gmail.com) .



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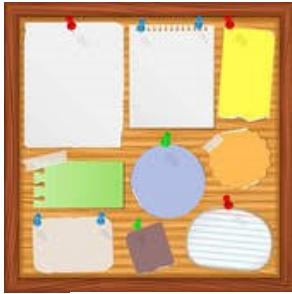
### **Leland Community Blood Drive Held at Leland Town Hall**

In the Cape Fear Training Room  
102 Town Hall Drive

**Friday, February 14, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**



**American  
Red Cross**



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KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH BRUNSWICK

*"...Improving the world, one child and one community at a time."*

### Pancake Breakfast



Includes: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon;  
Juice, Milk, Coffee or Tea  
(Coffee donated by Port City Java, Waterford Plaza)

**When: Saturday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 – 11:00 am**  
**Where: Blossoms Restaurant at Magnolia Greens**  
**Ticket Sales: Adults \$10; Children \$7**  
**Children under 3 – Free**

Tickets are available from Kiwanis Members or at the door. For more information contact Judy Bath at: [jannbath@hotmail.com](mailto:jannbath@hotmail.com)

*Proceeds benefit children and their families in Brunswick County*